

CONSTITUTION OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS

ARTICLE I NAME

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, hereafter referred to as the Council.
- Section 2. The Council was originally established by Executive Order dated in June of 1972. In February 5, 1988 it was filed as Executive Order 88-03. On September 8, 1994, Executive Order 94-20 was filed and it stated, "To the extent that it is inconsistent with this Executive Order [1994], Executive Order 88-03, executed February 5, 1988, is hereby rescinded."

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

- Section 1. The mission of the Council is to promote the health and well-being of South Carolinians of all ages by advancing the levels of physical activity.
- Section 2. This aim will be met by providing a forum for communication, collaboration, and coordination of individuals and organizations with an interest in physical activity and healthy lifestyles. The Council will perform the functions and duties set forth herein and will make an annual report to the Governor of its activities.
- Section 3. The Council shall serve as an advisor to the State on issues related to physical activity. The Council shall have the following powers and duties:
- a. to assess the physical activity needs and increase awareness of the health and economic benefits associated with physically active lifestyles for all South Carolinians;
 - b. to develop, foster, and coordinate local councils on physical activity for the people of South Carolina;
 - c. to sponsor and co-sponsor physical activity workshops, clinics, conferences and other similar activities;
 - d. to give recognition to outstanding developments and achievements in, and contributions to, physical activity;
 - e. to collect and disseminate physical activity information and initiate campaigns promoting physical activity;
 - f. to encourage local governments, communities, recreation departments and recreation centers to collaborate for the development of community environments supportive of physical activity;
 - g. to promote personal health and physical activity in cooperation with health, educational, medical, and other similar professional societies; and
 - h. to enlist the support of individuals, civic groups, amateur and professional sport associations, and other organizations to promote and improve physical activity.

ARTICLE III AFFILIATION

The Council will be affiliated with the National Association of Health and Fitness: The Network of State and Governor's Councils and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. The South Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance will act as a fiscal agent for the Council.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

The governing body of the Council shall be composed of 18 members.

- Section 1. Governor Appointed Members: ten (10) members will be selected at-large by the Governor. These members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor until replaced. These members should be experienced or interested in the promotion of physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
- Section 2. Affiliated Organization Members: The remaining eight members of the Council shall represent organizations and local physical fitness councils that are affiliated with the Council in accordance with the Council's bylaws. Members of the Council representing affiliated organizations and councils shall be selected by their respective constituents. These members should be experienced or interested in the promotion of physical activity and healthy lifestyles. Members will be selected as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V GOVERNMENT

- Section 1. One member of the Council shall be designated by the Governor as Chair. The Chair shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- Section 2. The Council shall be staffed by an Executive Director and such other employees assigned by the Department of Health and Environmental Control as may be needed to accomplish the work of the Council.
- Section 3. Other officers and committees are provided for in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI FUNDING

The Council is authorized by the Governor to receive and disburse funds made available for these purposes through the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness shall conduct meetings as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Council at the designated annual meeting of the Council, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been sent to each member of the Council one month prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be presented and voted upon. Amendments shall not be in conflict with the Executive Order.

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